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## Editorial

Community involvement is the current catch-phrase in educational circles and it is one of the most recent trends in educational planning and administration. But there are limits to the value of the contributions that the community can make in these spheres, as was evidenced by the MACOS controversy this year.

Pleasant Point High School has included "Man: A Course of Study" in its curriculum for the past three years. From all the evidence available, it would seem that the pupils largely enjoyed and appreciated the course, their parents approved of it and the teachers felt it provided several successful units of work. Certainly, no-one in the district has ever complained or protested to the school about the course at any time during the last three years. And the ready interest of parents in PTA evenings, Open Days and the like, would suggest that they are not complacent about the curricula the school offers its students. Clearly, their lack of complaints reflects their approval of MACOS.

Yet the school is only too aware that various national organizations have complained about the course and what it is purported to be teaching. Virtually all of the criticisms levelled at the course and, by implication, at the school, are based on faulty information. It was only in the latter stages of the controversy that a few protest groups and interested parties finally asked the school for factual information about the content of the course. This kind of community involvement at a national, pressure-group level in issues related to specific schools is surely questionable unless it is as a result of local initiative, which was not the case in the MACOS controversy. What is more, community involvement of any kind based on ignorance is to be deplored. Community involvement is healthy and useful only when it is informed; and it is, of course, one of a school's responsibilities to ensure that its community is informed about its policies, courses and activities.

But real community involvement goes further than a cursory inspection of a school's curricula. At best, it would involve a full integration of the school and the community: adults would feel free to return to school for a full year's work or to study a single subject; "experts" in the community would frequently come into the school to assist in teaching about their areas of knowledge; pupils would go out into the community under the auspices of various work experience and community involvement schemes; parents, Board of Governors, the PTA and teachers would work in close association with each other, would know each other's feelings and would have a certain loyalty to each other and to the school; and parents would become involved in the decision-making process of the school wherever this is appropriate.

A good barometer of parental interest in school activities is attendance at Prize Givings, PTA's, sports meetings and so on. And a good indication of the community's interest in the school at a decision-making level is the number of nominations for the seats on the school's Board of Governors each time there is an election. An abundance of contenders for the seats on the Board is a healthy sign; it suggests that the community cares about its school and the way it is run. In fact, it is perhaps at this level that real community involvement begins, for the Board of Governors is a very important decision-making body of the school.



# School Calendar

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Start of Term 1.
- 2 Form 6 Biology Field Trip to Pioneer Park.
- 4 School party attends Prom Concert at Timaru.
- 9 Form 3 Science Field Trip to Rocky Sea Shore.
- 10 Form 6 Biology Field Trip to Pioneer Park.
- 16 School Swimming Sports.
- 26-27 I.S.C.F. Camp at Raincliff.

## MARCH

- 2 Royal Visit to South Canterbury.
- 5 Inter-Secondary Schools' Swimming Sports at Timaru.
- 15 School Athletic Sports.
- 19 Inter-Country Schools' Athletic Sports at Fairlie.
- 22 Form 4 Social English Field Trip to Pioneer Park.
- 26 South Island Swimming Championships at QE II Park.
- 29 Form 2 Science Field Trip to Sutherlands.
- 30 Mid-South Canterbury Schools' Athletic Sports at Ashburton.

## APRIL

- 2 Tramping Club Trip to Mt. Nessing.
- South Island Athletic Sports at Oamaru.
- 6 Form 6 Vocation Trip to Christchurch.
- 19 School Cross-Country.
- 22 Form 3 Home Economics Visit to Milk Treatment Station.
- 27 Work Day.

## MAY

- 3-8 Form 5 Geography Field Trip to the West Coast.
- 5 Form 6 English attend "Macbeth" in Timaru.
- End of Term 1.
- 23 Start of Term 2.
- 24 Debate v Fairlie High School.
- 26 American Field Scholars address school.

## JUNE

- 5 Queen's Birthday.
- 8 Winter Sports interchange with Twizel High School.
- 9-10 Form 1 Oral Reports.
- 18 Corso Collection.
- 21 Form 1 Concert.

## JULY

- 4 3X1 pupils talk about MACOS in Christchurch.
- Tahitian Exchange Pupil arrives.
- 6-7 Form 2 Social English Field Trip to Christchurch.

- 8 Mid-Term.
- 13 Winter Sports interchange with Methven High School.
- 19 Cashmere High School music group visits school.
- 27 Inter-Schools' Cross-Country at Fairlie.
- 30 Bottle Drive.

## AUGUST

- 1-5 Form 1H Social English Field Trip to Arthur's Pass.
- Form 1R Social English Field Trip to Raincliff.
- 2 Form 5 Art Field Trip.
- Video-tape recording equipment arrives.
- 4 Inter-house Basketball Tournament.
- 8 Form 4 Physical Education Field Trip to Mt. Hutt.
- 15 Winter Sports interchange with Fairlie High School.
- 16 Cobham Intermediate visits school.
- Forms 5, 6 and 7 Speech Contest.
- Forms 3 and 4 Speech Contest.
- 17 Forms 1 and 2 Speech Contest.
- Form 5 Home Economics Luncheon for Staff.
- 18 School photographs.
- 19 End of Term 2.

## SEPTEMBER

- 12 Start of Term 3.
- 17 Basketball Tournament at Timaru.
- 22 Indonesian Dance Group performs at school.
- 29 Forms 1 and 2 pupils enter Inter-School Harrier Competition.

## OCTOBER

- 4 Senior pupils attend agricultural careers' seminar at Timaru.
- 10 Form 2 Preview programme begins.
- 11 Senior French pupils visit Christchurch.

## NOVEMBER

- 15-16 Form 6 Trip to Mount Cook.
- 11 Formal Dance for Forms 5, 6 and 7.
- 16 Forms 1-3 Home Economics Mannequin Parade and display of work.
- 21 Visit from Inangahua College field trip party.
- 21-29 School Certificate, University Entrance and University Bursaries Examinations.

## DECEMBER

- 5 Summer sports interchange with Fairlie High School.
- 7 Prize Giving.
- 8 End of Term 3.



## Staff Notes

At the end of the second term Mr C. J. Rodgers resigned his position as Assistant Teacher to take a position on a sheep station in the Albury district. Mr Rodgers came to Pleasant Point District High School in 1965 and joined the staff of the High School when it was formed in 1970. From 1971 Mr Rodgers has been Careers Adviser, in which capacity he has helped countless pupils in the knotty problem of selecting their line of work. His Careers Evenings, his assistance in career selection, and his classroom teaching have made a memorable contribution to the school. We wish Mr Rodgers' long-term ambition well and hope that it comes to fruition. Mr Rodgers' place has been taken by Mr A. R. Mangum, who has a Masters Degree in Physical Education from the Florida State University and he takes charge of Physical Education in the school.

Mrs Clark, our Library Assistant decided during the year to retire, play bowls and look after her garden, and our thanks to her for a cheerful and kindly presence and a job well done.

Mrs O'Connell is leaving at the end of the year to set up home in Seadown. Mrs O'Connell has successfully directed the change-over from Commercial Practice to Economic Studies, and efficiently managed the typing room and machines. Her quiet and sincere approach to her work was appreciated by pupils and fellow staff alike.

Mrs Fairbairn has taught part-time in the junior school, been Library Assistant and Remedial Reading teacher. In all these she has shown that quiet efficiency that marks her skill as a teacher, and in the latter especially has helped many pupils to come to grips with their learning difficulties. Mrs Fairbairn is completing her Degree this year and has been appointed as Guidance Counsellor to Waitaki Girls' High, a P R 2 position she will fill with wisdom and insight.

Also leaving us at the end of the year are Mr Browning and Miss Ussher who are both going to Westland High School. Miss Ussher completes seven years at the school as Senior Mistress, and latterly HOD Science, positions that have been managed with considerable skill. New approaches in Science have involved changes in techniques, and while developing new methods it has been necessary to keep a realistic grip of the subject and situation. Pupils now explore and enquire much more directly and freely, and the Modular Science introduction has been managed very ably by an extremely hard working Miss Ussher.

Mr Browning will become Deputy Principal of Westland High in 1978. His contribution since he came to Pleasant Point High School in 1967 has encompassed a wide range of interests. In his subject Mr Browning too has been an innovator. The N.E.S.C. approach to English has led naturally to Social English in the Form 1 to Form 4 classes, a change that has been managed successfully. As Careers Adviser, Work Experience Manager, Teacher Librarian, producer of numerous plays and shows, coach of soccer and basketball teams, and conductor of school visits, Mr Browning has contributed fully to the basic and enriching programmes that have made Pleasant Point High a successful school.

To all staff in their new ventures we wish success and happiness.

—Mr Feasey.



THE STAFF

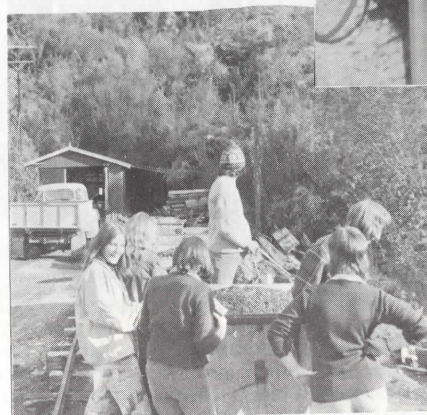
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*Front row:* Mr Dunbar, Mr Piper, Miss Ussher, Mr Feasey, Mr Dowall, Mr Browning, Mr Macfarlane.



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## FIELD TRIPS TO THE WEST COAST



## School Council

Once again the School Council has contributed in many ways to school life throughout the year.

The Council's major attention this year was turned towards the Work Day, and with the help of Mr Dunbar this was a major success. A total of \$2,200 was raised, which has gone towards a video-tape machine which will benefit pupils greatly in future years. Another fund-raising opportunity which has been given to the school is the selling of 1978 Pictorial Diaries for the local Jaycees, with 25% of the proceeds going towards school funds.

The Council has provided many solutions to problems that have troubled pupils but, as in past years, the Council is perturbed at the continued abuse of the Council system by various classes, in the form of repeatedly bringing up trivial matters.

The Council was disrupted in its early days by the departure of the Chairman, John Chapman, but it quickly recovered with the election of John Schurink and continued its role in the School.

The idea that senior Council members should have similar authority to "Prefects" was suggested, but it was felt that this would ruin the harmonious relationship between senior Councillors and junior forms.

—W. Carter

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Homeward bound, we passed over Arthur's Pass, taking in some great scenery as the weather was, as it was throughout the trip, beautifully fine. We arrived home at 5.30 p.m. via the Rakala Gorge, weary but knowing we had enjoyed our trip and may have even learnt something!

Our thanks to the staff, Mr Piper, Miss Coleman, and the parents, Mrs Woods, Mrs Rayner and Mr Dossett.

—A. Riach, H. Mitchell

#### FORM 4 SKI-ING TRIP TO MT. HUTT

The early morning air was crisp in our faces. About 60 eager and excited fourth formers piled into a bus and three cars at 7.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th August. We had all been hoping like anything that the fine weather we had had for the last week would hold out for one more day. Luckily, it did.

Before very long, we found ourselves at the base of Mt. Hutt. At the car park at the bottom of the mountain we changed into two four-wheel-drive trucks. Almost an hour later we approached the ski field, after an extremely sickening journey, over roads that two worms would not have crawled along side by side!

By this time, everyone was so excited that an army could not have kept us off the slopes. After half an hour of finding, fitting and hiring skis, boots and poles, we finally trudged over to the ski-school slopes and started our one and a half hour lesson. We learned such important things as stopping and turning and finally this contraption wasn't as simple as it seemed and some of us lost our grip and got into a lot of difficulty. Half an hour later we had lunch, and then like moths to a fire, we attacked the slopes. About lunchtime it clouded over, and a wind got up. After about two more hours on the slopes we started to come down to the trucks. We had really good fun and of course had some fantastic spills. Even Mr Dunbar had his share.

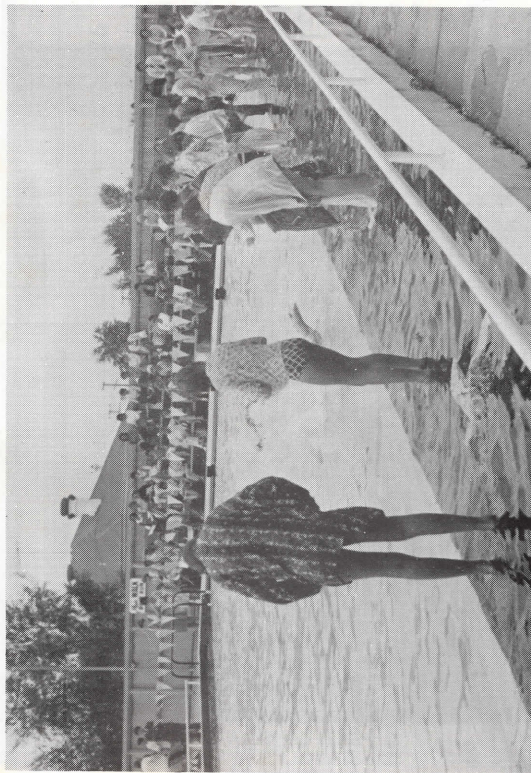
The return journey down the mountain was even worse than the first. Not only were we going downhill but we were in the clouds and could hardly even see the roads! The last lap back to school was more comfortable and we were soon home. I know everyone that went would like to thank all the staff and anyone else who made it possible for such a fun day. We now know when someone talks about ski-ing, what they mean. Apart from that, we had great fun.

—D. Cunliffe, J. Jackson

#### FORM 2 FIELD TRIP TO CHRISTCHURCH

At 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 6th July the whole of Form 2 loaded the bus and went up to Christchurch. Mr Wilson drove the bus, and after stopping at Ashburton, we arrived at Christchurch at 11.30 a.m.

After having lunch at Hagley Park, we walked through the gardens to the Christchurch Museum. We had two and a half hours at the museum to look around and answer questions from a



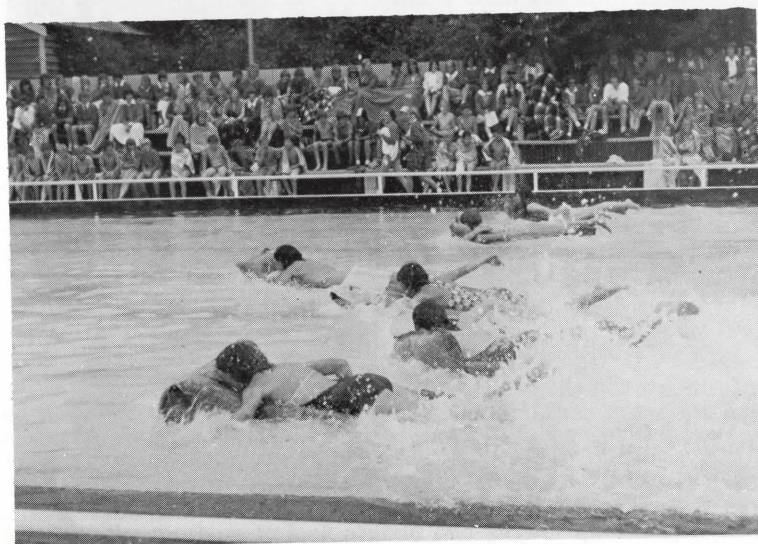
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task sheet. We looked at several sections, such as the moa hunter area, where we had to draw the moa hunter in his grave (which was quite impossible as far as we could see). At the Maori area we drew the canoe, or more accurately "tried" to draw the canoe.

After the Moari area we went to the early-European section. Our task sheets said we had to find ten things in the shops there. We really felt that we were walking downtown shopping in the 1800's.

We looked at the new Antarctic display and listened to a tape recording of whale and seal noises.

At a quarter to three we left the museum and walked back to the bus. At 3 o'clock, nervous, scared and giggly, we met our billets and went home with them.

At half past seven when we came back to the Intermediate School for a social, everyone was noticeably happier and full of news of skateboards, colour T.V. or a beautiful dinner. I think everybody enjoyed themselves, although there were a lot of complaints. We had some games, as well as pop dances and the dances we learn at school. Most people talked to their billets all night and hardly got any sleep.

The next morning we came to school with our billets and loaded our gear onto the bus. At the last moment everyone was running about getting their billets' addresses. We were all sad to be going home. On the way back everyone was chatting to others about their experiences.

We stopped at Hornby for five minutes to buy lunch. Mr Wilson threatened that if there was anyone late we would leave them behind, but we still waited! We all had a good meal and some of us could not eat all of ours, so we took it up the front where Mr Wilson and Mr Radich ate them for us.

When we got home we had lots of tales to tell and lots of questions to answer from parents and friends. We also had lots of work to do in revision.

Everyone enjoyed themselves in spite of their worries.

—C. White, P. Clelland, C. Mould.

#### FORM 1 FIELD TRIP TO ARTHUR'S PASS

We left Pleasant Point at ten o'clock in the bus. Our first stop was at Ashburton to look at the new clock. Then we stopped at Darfield to go to the toilet and to have our lunch.

After that the country started to change and we started heading into the mountains. It grew very steep and we were travelling very slowly. At last we went down the other side to stop at Lake Lyndon for five minutes. Then we carried on over some other hills and then into a valley in which Arthur's Pass was. We got all our gear out and then found out which room we were sleeping in. We then went into the dining room where we met Mr Freany, the manager of our camp, who told us the rules that we had to keep if we were going to stay at the Lodge.

After that we went for a tramp around the Bridal Veil Track and saw some lovely water falls. There was bush all around us

and we learnt quite a bit about some of the trees. It took us two hours.

When we got back we made our beds and had a tea of chops, onions, mashed potatoes, pumpkin and peas, with a pudding of peaches and custard, that our camp mothers made.

Mr Freany showed us some slides of Arthur's Pass and some plants. Then we had a supper of tea and two biscuits. Then we went to bed.

—S. Jessep

We woke up when it was dark. It was about half past six. We left for Hokitika at about 7.30. We went down the steepest hill in the southern hemisphere. When we got down to the bottom we were near Otira. We stopped there for Miss Hancox. She asked what time would be best to go through the tunnel.

After that we went on and arrived at Hokitika at about 11.30. We went to the greenstone factory first. Then we went to the glassblowing and the Blue Spur Gold Mine, where we had dinner there. After dinner we went to pan some gold. We also went on walks. Then we went to Shantytown; some people had a ride on a horse and cart there. We arrived back at the lodge at about seven o'clock. That night we had some slides on Antarctica.

—B. Earl

#### FORM 1 FIELD TRIP TO RAINCLIFF

Form 1R spent five days at Raincliff Youth Camp during the first week of August. Mrs Fairbairn and Mr Rodgers accompanied the group and organized a full programme. The main idea of the camp was to learn to get along with other people. We also learnt the skills of photography. One of the most exciting things we did was to go tramping and we saw the Maori rock drawings, which were on a limestone wall high up on a cliff.

We were all rather foolish and talked all night, especially Wednesday, after we had our midnight feast.

On Friday we had a lot of cleaning up to do if we wanted to be away by half past one. But it was good fun.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we are looking forward to our next camp.

—V. McPherson, V. Bradshaw, L. Muir

#### I.S.C.F.

Once again I.S.C.F. has had a fun-loving year.

The fun began when we had a camp at Raincliff in Term One. We had lots of fun exploring the local scenery and then cooled ourselves off with an afternoon swim.

In Term Two we had our annual Pancake Evening. Most of us managed to flip at least one pancake and then eat it. The evening was rounded off with the showing of our first attempt at making a film last year, "The Life of Paul".



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We are keeping up a correspondence with Mr Wilkinson, who is actively involved in his missionary work in the Solomon Islands.

Bible studies have been taken regularly by all members of the group, sharing our ideas of fellowship and solving problems, with the day-to-day relevance of the Bible.

We look forward to many new members next year and also to the usual members from this year.

—F. Roberts

### NADINE INARIKI — OUR TAHITIAN EXCHANGE STUDENT

In the second term we had the privilege of having a genuine French-speaking student from Tahiti attend our school.

Nadine was born in Uturoa, Raiatea, and has lived there all her life. Nadine arrived in New Zealand on 2nd July and she departed on 26th August, but left the South Island on 8th August to go to Bulls, near Palmerston North.

During her stay, Nadine participated in school activities and attended most of the French classes and some Sewing, Social English and Art classes.

—J. Tiffen

And here is a short message from Nadine:

Pleasant Point High School is different than my school. Because the school in French Polynesia begins at half past seven and pupils have no choice in their subjects. Learning English is compulsory and we have more subjects.

Pupils have one hour for each subject. They stay in the same classroom all the time. They have 2 hours for lunch time, and we finish the day at 4 o'clock.

I have enjoyed my stay here. All the pupils are very friendly to me. I thank you for your kindness.

—N. Inariki

### WORK DAY

Oh well, if last year's School Council commits this year's School Council to the raising of \$1500 for T.V. video equipment, then I guess we just had to knuckle down and organize it. Organize it, did you say? Well, where do you start when no-one knew where to start? Actually there was a certain individual who has been known to organize himself out of simply everything — so he was our first choice.

Seriously though — it was a huge success; the pupils' co-operation was perfect, the community participation was in keeping with its fine record, and the day was ideal. Despite the target of \$1500, we actually raised over \$2200 an average of over \$7 per

pupil and some of those pupils were tiny Form One girls!! The School Council wishes to thank again the parents and community, the pupils and that certain staff member who organized us perfectly with his usual minimum effort.

We await Work Day, 1978, with much anticipation.

—Mr Dunbar

#### T.V. UNIT

The proceeds from the work day, some \$2000, were spent on Videotape equipment.

At present this consists of: a camera, a recorder, a playback unit, an attachment for microscopes, some tapes and other software, and about six television sets, not all of which are going yet.

The television crew is headed by Mr Piper, with the other members being Donald Bailey, Hamish McKenzie and Stephen Gill. In the third term the group was joined by John Dockerty and Stephen Bartrum, so there will be continuity into next year.

By the end of the second term, preparations were being made for the installation of television sets in the classrooms, and it is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of the year.

—D. Bailey

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Tricia Waters

#### LEGEND\*1x

A beast, like all other beasts,  
differed a little  
in that  
his intelligence (?) expanded  
(he said)

in the form  
of a little invention  
not much,  
at first.

What's in  
a wheel? A spear? An axe? A knife?  
A living, security,  
a life?

It grew  
a little . . .  
he invented  
himself right into a house . . . complete with five bedrooms . . .  
and so  
the means to protect this fine acquisition had to be invented.

A fortification, a moat, a spear,  
a gun,  
an atom bomb.

And his mind said:

I can do all-this-and-more . . . so . . . why . . . . .

I am almost as good as God Himself.

And he lived with much  
laughter and crying and hating  
and wanting and giving  
and taking,  
inventing things clever and not-so-clever  
good and not-so-good,

a Janus  
something of a wise man  
something of a fool,  
until he died. (And found that God was much cleverer than him  
after all).

Forms 5, 6 and 7

Second

Margaret Paterson

#### DISCOVERY

Hospitals. The mass media show us nurses in crisp white uniforms, without a hair out of place. Friendly, understanding faces. Of course there are the usual good-looking doctors. Well, with the image firmly in mind, I bravely put my foot closer to the door. Welcoming, beckoning, the door opened. So with a last deep breath I entered.

People were walking everywhere, immersed in their own thoughts. Lift doors opened. Then closed. Lights flashed. The friendly receptionist smiled. Arrows showed the way. It was a turning point. Reality was beginning to take over from myth.

At the right desk my card was taken, my number checked. The processing line had begun. Slowly, quietly, efficiently the clock hands moved, above me. A nurse ushered me into a room. All the vital statistics were taken: height, age, date of birth, female. At least some identity. For now anyway.

The cubicle was rectangular in shape. White and clinical and that was all to it. Into a degrading gown with buttons down the back of it. Then I sat down and waited. People walk past with covers on their shoes. Like silencers. They talk in whispers. About me? Nerves are taking over. A nurse pokes her hand through the curtain and passes me a shabby, dull green dressing gown.

I leave the cubicle and proceed to the lift, feeling eyes staring, penetrating at and through me. Posters on the wall are grey and carefree. I wish I was. Finally I am taken to be x-rayed. Place one arm up there, legs straight, breathe in, perfect! With my black and white proofs I go back to my cubicle. Relieved that's over. But what will be next?

Then it comes. The cloud bursts. In walk six looming, bulging pairs of eyes. All the right hand men to the doctor are there. I become a guinea pig. They stare, examine and finally a verdict is proclaimed.

Gladly I leave my cubicle. Walk through the doors which open again for me. Then outside I pick up my dignity which I had left outside before I went in. Without even knowing it.

Forms 5, 6 and 7

Third

George Moran

#### THE SLIDE

The child climbs up the steps so as to slide down the slide. The child knows that once at the bottom he can only go up.

Again the child climbs up the steps so as to slide down the slide. The child knows that all the ups and downs are worth it.

And yet again the child climbs up the steps so as to slide down the slide.

What the child doesn't know is that it will always be like this.



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### TIME AND TIDE

Down the sound the tide is creeping  
Catching evening unawares  
On the beach the stones are sleeping  
No-one warns them, no-one dares  
Up the sound the tide is running  
Stones abandoned on the beach  
Silently with ancient cunning  
Rubbed a grain of sand from each  
Some day when the earth is older  
Stones will have no more to give  
Sea gone dark, sun grown colder  
Time and tide alone will live

### THE ATTEMPT

Everything was silent. Nothing moved, nothing even seemed to breathe. The only sound was of those dreadful chains clanking as they were tied around the victim. It was a dreary, cloudy, Sunday afternoon, although even the air tingled with some dreaded anticipation. The two roughly dressed men had bound his feet with tape, his hands with cord, and his legs with rope. Now they were tying those chains around his arms. Next they lowered him into a steel trunk and padlocked it. With a final heave of effort, they pushed the trunk off the side of the bridge. Down, down, it plunged, into the murky waters of the canal. With almost sinister stealth they left the bridge . . .

The silence was so intense, even a faint hiss of breath would have seemed conspicuous. Minutes passed; still no sign appeared on the water's surface. Suddenly, bubbles appeared, then a head bobbed up. With swift strokes the man swam ashore.

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Houdini stood on the bank and shivered. Around him, people were cheering and clapping, the loudspeaker continued to blare and he was carried shoulder-high down the road. He didn't really enjoy being an escape-artist, but it was a living.



## HANDS OF TIME

It was the first time she had noticed how dirty the windows were. They really looked filthy with the light blue sky just showing through the grime.

Five minutes to go. She could hear the clock ticking the seconds away.

The examiner started rustling his papers and she knew time was almost up.

As she walked out she didn't bother to ask the others how they had got on. She didn't care about them. She didn't want them to ask her anything. She knew she hadn't done well. She could not face her family.

When they found her she was smiling.

Her death notice was in the paper two days later.

## FREE EAGLE

Out of the highest and sharpest rocks,  
a magnificent eagle.

He is peering, peering at an object on the ground,  
his eyes locked on it.

Suddenly

he swoops

he dives

he plunges.

All is quiet

the eagle and its prey have gone.

## ARTHURS PASS

Waterfalls  
glistening in the first golden rays of sunlight.

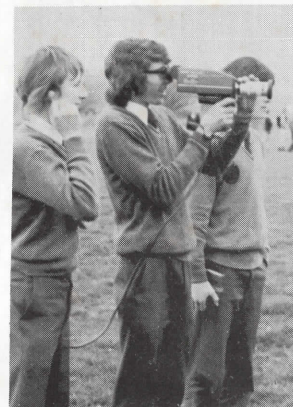
Motionless  
icicles dripping  
cold beauty in the sun.

The laughter and singing of the daytime.

Casual hikers  
and not so casual hikers.

Mountains,  
majestic,  
silhouetted in the evening sky.  
Keas shrieking.

Slow packing and clearing;  
Sad satisfaction when leaving  
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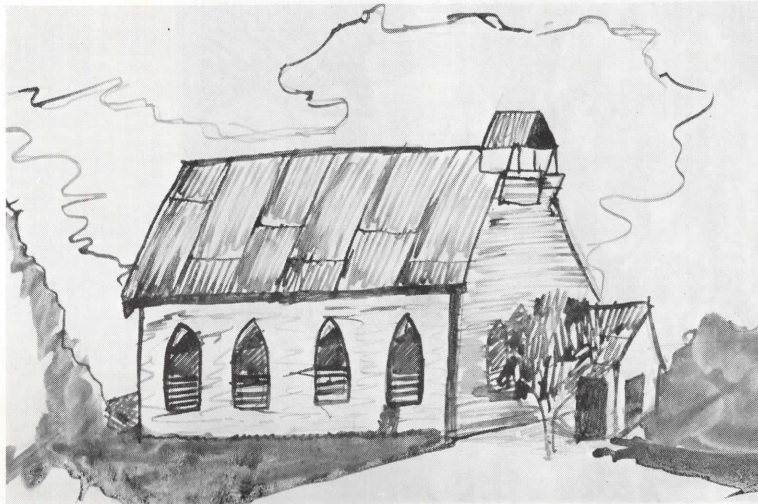


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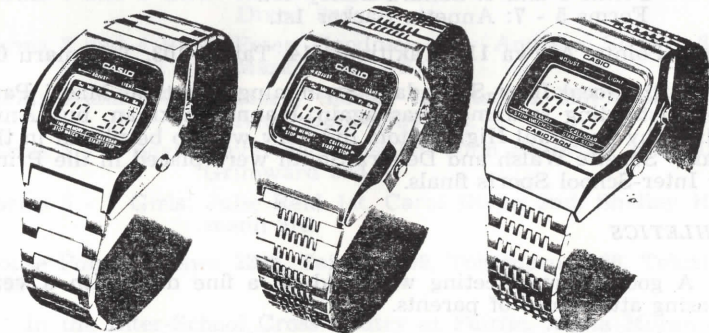
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## OUT IN THE COUNTRY

The sun was streaming down on the countryside  
 With the smell of dew on the grass  
 And the smell of cows, hay and mellowness,  
 The smell of morning peace;  
 The song of the magpie in the macrocarpa,  
 Or just the ordinary chirp of the sparrow flying past,  
 Feeling the lovely breeze of the nor'wester  
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# Sports Reports

## SCHOOL REVIEW — 1977

1977 has been a good year generally for sport in the school. In term three, a new staff appointment was made, that of Mr Mangum, a very able sportsman himself, to take charge of Sport and Phys. Ed. We wish him well and are sure that he is going to contribute a great deal to this side of school life.

### SWIMMING

As usual, we started the year with swimming and here our congratulation go to Joanne Jackman who culminated a successful season with a second placing in the South Island Championships. Her dedication and training are an example to all.

The school sports were held on a cool, overcast day but a good attendance of parents, warm water and good competition made these the best sports in my memory.

#### Results:

Boys: Forms 1 and 2: Ricky Le Lievre 1st, Stephen Cummings 2nd.  
Forms 3 and 4: Kevin Hessel 1st, Jeff Hitchcock 2nd.  
Forms 5 - 7: Paul Higinbottom 1st, John Chapman 2nd.

Girls: Forms 1 and 2: Suzette Walsh 1st, Dendra Smith 2nd.  
Forms 3 and 4: Anne Belworthy 1st, Marlene Houston 2nd.  
Forms 5 - 7: Joanne Jackman 1st, Liz Usmar 2nd.

Diving: Forms 1 and 2: Deirdre Teahen 1st.  
Forms 3 and 4: Sandra Bailey 1st.  
Forms 5 - 7: Annette Barker 1st.

House Points: Arawa 117, Takitimu 114, Tainui 103, Tokomaru 66.

In the local Inter-Secondary Swimming Sports at Maori Park the outstanding swimmer was again Joanne Jackman, but Anne Belworthy and Paul Higinbottom did very well to be placed in the finals. Suzette Walsh and Dendra Smith were placed in the Primary Inter-School Sports finals.

### ATHLETICS

A good sports meeting was held on a fine day, with a very pleasing attendance of parents.

#### Champions were:

Boys: Under 12½: Steven Sugrue 1st, Paul Cone and David Waters 2nd Equal.

Under 14: Kevin Casey 1st, David Mitchell 2nd.

Under 15: Alex Struthers 1st, Keith Jackson 2nd.

15 and over: John Schurink 1st, Owen Rayner and David Schurink 2nd equal.

Girls: Under 12½: Julie Dixon 1st, Anthea Lyon 2nd.

Under 14: Gay Wilson 1st, Sarah Feasey and Rachel McPherson 2nd equal.

Under 15: Penny Shrimpton 1st, Maria Moran 2nd.

15 and over: Wendy Carter 1st, Beth O'Leary 2nd.

House Points: Arawa 398, Tokomaru 359, Takitimu 359, Tainui 333.

Inter-Country Schools Sports were held this year at Fairlie. Our most successful competitors were Bruce Turpie, Alex Struthers, Anthea Lyon, Keith Jackson, Kevin Casey and Maria Moran.

When it came to the Inter-Secondary Sports, Maria Moran, in her specialist distances of 800m and 1500m, was outstanding. She was clearly the best runner of her age in Mid-South Canterbury and won the 800m Junior Girls' event at the South Island Champs in Oamaru. We wish her well in the New Zealand Champs to be held in Auckland in December. She is a talented, modest and dedicated athlete and is a credit to our school.

### CROSS COUNTRY

This was held on Tuesday, 19th April, over a riverbed course, running through Mr Alan Agnew's paddocks and finishing on the school grounds.

#### Champions were:

Forms 1 and 2 Boys: Andrew Priest 1st, Robert Paterson 2nd, John Hart 3rd.

Forms 1 and 2 Girls: Anthea Lyon 1st, Janette Esler 2nd, Julie Dixon 3rd.

Forms 3 and 4 Boys: Peter Goodman 1st, Andrew Steven 2nd, Mark Cone 3rd.

Forms 3 and 4 Girls: Maria Moran 1st, Rachel McPherson 2nd, Anne Belworthy 3rd.

Forms 5 - 7 Boys: David Schurink 1st, John Schurink 2nd, Mark Grimward 3rd.

Forms 5 - 7 Girls: Julie Reid 1st, Carol Divan 2nd, Shelley Hermann 3rd.

House Points: Arawa 2290, Tainui 1969, Tokomaru 1926, Takitimu 1625

In the Inter-School Cross Country at Fairlie, Maria Moran did well to win her race, Mark Cone was placed 11th in the Junior Boys' event and the Junior Boys' Team was placed 5th out of 12.

Maria also ran with distinction in the Canterbury and New Zealand Cross Country Championships.

The House competition looks like a win for Arawa. They have scored well in all competitions and have a commanding lead.

—Mr Wilson



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## BASKETBALL

### *Under 16 Boys' "A" Team:*

The under 16 Boys "A" team enjoyed ourselves, even though we lost some of the games we played. We would like to thank Mr Feasey for his continuous help and coaching of the team, and I am sure if it was not for his high spirit, we would not have done as well as we did.

The team members were:

A. Riach, A. Fairbairn, M. Clemens, S. Bartrum, P. Higinbottom, H. Mitchell, D. Schurick.

### *Under 16 Boys' "B" Team:*

The team consisted of players with previous basketball experience, but our first few games were rather distasteful. But as the season passed by, we managed to win a few games and draw one.

Our goals were quite interesting, some from wild shots. Gary Blair proved to be a good attacking forward and John Dossett's height helped him get the rebounds to score. David Bell was safe in defence, and later in the season Mark Grimward boosted the confidence of our team. The rest combined well with these key players.

Most of the boys that played look forward to next year and should make the under 16 team again.

Team members were:

Gary Blair, David Bell, Philip Priest, John Dossett, Kevin Hessel, Mark Grimward, Stephen Dowall, Peter Jackson.

—P. Priest

### *Under 16 Girls' "A" Team:*

The under 16 Girls' Basketball Team has had a successful season managing to finish as runner-up in the competition.

Team members were:

Elizabeth Usmar (Capt.), Annette Barker, Christine Hart, Joanne Jackman, Lynn Tapper, Carol Divan, Niki Wilson, Shelley Hormann.

Our thanks go to Miss Ussher for putting up with us during the season, and for coaching us.

—E. Usmar

### *Under 16 Girls' "B" Team:*

We have had a good season this year and although we were not the worst in the competition, we were also not the best. De-



spite the frequent losses, we always seemed to enjoy the games, no matter how much we lost by.

We thank Miss Ussher for all the time she spent coaching us and supporting us during our games.

Our team consisted of:

Heather Styles, Judith Tiffen, Anne Belworthy, Melanie Boake, Marlene Houston, Suzanne Roberts, Suzanne Inkster, Lyn Henderson.

—H. Styles

#### *Under 14 Boys' Team:*

The team began the season disastrously against some bigger and more experienced teams. However great progress was made during the season and, by the end, the team was able to hold its own against the best team.

All team members improved greatly, but particularly promising are D. Mitchell, D. Clemens and G. Higinbottom.

The team members were:

D. Mitchell, D. Clemens, G. Higinbottom, B. Merritt, G. Kely-nack, P. Dossett, P. Oliver and T. Blakemore.

—Mr Macfarlane

#### *Under 14 Girls' Team:*

An enjoyable season was had by all connected with the under 14 Girls' Basketball Team this year. We had several wins, though we must remember the losses too!

Team members were:

Phillipa Blair, Anthea Lyon, Robyn Wilson, Sarah Feasey, Suzanne Boake, Helen Steven, Sherryl Hart, Karen Palmer, Gay Wilson, Denise Hardie.

Our sincere thanks go to the dedicated coaches, who gave up so much of their time . . . Shelley Hormann, Lyn Tapper, Annette Barker and Carol Divan. Also thanks to Mr Dowall, staff and parents.

—R. Wilson

#### HOCKEY

##### *"A" Team:*

This year we fielded a team of young, enthusiastic players as competition for the Twizel, Methven and Fairlie teams.

Team members were:

B. Hullen, D. Pearce, K. Dobbs, D. Kerr, A. Smith, V. Blair, J. Usmar, G. Christey, J. Munro, S. Feasey, D. Struthers, S. Dock-erty, B. Milne, T. de Hoon, T. Miller.

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Coaches were: Mr Piper, Mr Jenkins.

Results:

- v Twizel lost 4-1.
- v Methven lost 4-1.
- v Fairlie lost 6-0.

All in all, there was good play from all team members. Thanks to the team members for playing so well and trying, even though we didn't manage any victories. Thanks also to the coaches.

—D. Kerr

"B" Team:

Although the "B" team played only one game, it was a good game. The score was 2-1 to Fairlie, with the winning goal being scored in the last 3 minutes of the game.

We would like to thank our two coaches, Mr Piper and Mr Jenkins.

Team members were:

G. Christey, P. Jackson, S. Dowall, K. Wilson, V. Blair (Capt.), K. Jackson, J. Paul, W. Curry, L. White, S. Roberts, B. Flowers.

—V. Blair

Form 1 and 2 Girls' Team:

The first game we played in the season was against Methven. It was a good bright day, and a clean easy game. We were leading at half time 5-0. In the second half Methven played well and got three goals but we also got four, so the final score was 9-3 to us.

The second game was against Waihi boys, which was played on our home ground. This game was not so easy. It was a tough game. But everyone got in and tackled and worked with their team mates. Waihi were leading 2-1 in the first half. In the second half we caught up a bit, but not nearly enough to beat them. The final score was 5-3 to them.

The last game of the season was against Fairlie. This also was a tough game. Everybody played well but Fairlie's forward line was strong and played extremely well. In the first half Fairlie were leading 4-1. In the second half they scored 3 goals and we did not score, which made Fairlie win 7-1.

The team members were:

S. Dobbs (Capt.), D. Smith, A. Wilson, S. Smith, D. Dockerty, J. Esler, P. Cleland, S. Holland, B. Earl, D. Brady, T. Hawes, P. Bassett.

Thanks go to Mrs Riach for her coaching.

—S. Dobbs

NETBALL

"A" Team:

The "A" netball team had mixed success on the courts this year.

Results:

- v Twizel won 27-12.
- v Methven lost 28-26.
- v Fairlie drew 23-23.

The team members played well together and to the best of their abilities throughout the season, despite rearrangements that had to be made to the team because of injuries and the departure of a team member. A good team spirit was shown throughout the season, through the regular turn-out of the members at practices, and the team owes this spirit to the coaches, Miss Ussher and Mrs O'Connell, who gave much of their time to run practices and who gave much encouragement to the team.

Team members were:

Cindy Hurst, Jan Tapper, Faye Roberts, Christine Hart, Sandra Hardie (Capt.), Wendy Carter, Belinda Braithwaite, Tezeh Broughton.

—S. Hardie

"B" Team:

We met regularly every Monday and Friday lunch hour, second half, provided that the weather was favourable and there weren't too many puddles on the courts.

During these times we had team practices, where the "A" team played the "B" team. Naturally they were much better than us but it gave us good practice for the games that were ahead of us. Also on these occasions we were given the odd bit of ball handing to improve our skills during the games.

When the time came closer to play our first game of the season, we borrowed the sports period on Tuesday afternoon, in the hope that the extra practice would help us win the game against Twizel.

The results of this game and the others that we played were as follows:

- v Twizel: lost (only narrowly. Our coaches were horrified, but we all put it down to the cold weather up at Twizel).
- v Methven: won (playing on home ground, things were easy).
- v Fairlie: won.

The "B" netball team consisted of:

Annette Barker, Lynn Tapper, Angelique Little, Shelley Muir, Carol Divan, Elizabeth Ryan, Jo-Anne Jackman, Nickie Moses and Julie Reid. We had more players than necessary but Nickie, Carol, Jo-Anne and Julie played for the "B" team at some stage.



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Most players turned up to practices regularly, but no matter who was there, we could always depend on our coaches, Miss Ussher and Miss O'Connell. We would like to thank them both for giving up their lunch hours and giving us their valuable advice in the field of netball.

—A. Little

*Form 4 Team:*

We all began our school work as usual and during fourth period, captains of teams went to meet the Fairlie students. Our netball game began at one o'clock. The game started evenly, but soon we pulled ahead and won 28-11. Everyone in the team played well.

The games finished and afternoon tea was served. The Fairlie visit was enjoyable.

Results: v Fairlie: won 28-11.

Team members were:

Anne Belworthy, Nikola Wilson, Susan Oliver, Lyn Henderson, Michelle Reid, Melanie Boake, Joanna Braithwaite.

Coach: Miss Coleman.

—J. Braithwaite

*Form 3 Team:*

The first team we played was Temuka. Temuka won 15-13. Then we played Fairlie and won 15-12.

The players in our team were:

M. Guthrie, D. Stocker, R. McPherson, R. Diamond, S. Walsh, P. Blair, N. Moorhouse, N. Broughton.

We would like to thank Miss Coleman for her help and assistance.

—N. Broughton

*Form 1 and 2 "A" Team:*

The Form 1 and 2 "A" Netball team was made up of a keen group of girls. The game against Methven showed that we weren't as skilful as the opposition, who were the victors by a reasonably wide margin.

Due to our confidence in our coach, Miss Hancox, we improved steadily and ended the season with a win over Fairlie by 23-21. Not a very big margin, but still a victory in a closely fought match where the result was in doubt until the last minutes.

Members of the team were:

S. Walsh (Capt.), S. Jessep, S. Cameron, G. Wilson, A. Lyon, D. McHaffie, S. Teahen.

To Miss Hancox go our thanks for her patience and perseverance throughout the season.

—S. Walsh



*Form 1 and 2 "B" Team:*

On 13th July, the Form 1 and 2's went to Methven to play netball and other sports. We lost our game, 7-14. Afterwards, they provided us with afternoon tea. Then it was time to catch the buses and go home with our billets. We all joined together for a social that night. Then after a good supper, we all went home with our billets. The next morning, we all came to school with our billets and then after a while we all went over to the bus and said good-bye to our billets. We went up to Mount Hutt and then started the long journey back to school.

On 15th August, Forms 1 and 2, plus one member of the Form 3 netball team, went to Fairlie to play sport. We arrived about half past eleven, then we were told the programme for the day. The "B" netball team was to play at one o'clock so most of us went and had some lunch. At one o'clock, our team had a few passes and then went onto the court and started our game. We lost our game 15-26 and it was very tough. After our game, we all were hot and very tired. At about a quarter to three, we all went back to the bus and started for home.

Team members were:

Linda Muir, Robyn Henderson, Julie Dixon, Virginia McPherson, Vicki Bradshaw, Karel White, Elizabeth Oliver, Joanne Wilson.

—V. McPherson

*Form 1 and 2 "C" Team:*

As soon as we got to Fairlie it was time to play our game.

Our team consisted of the following:

D. Teahen, S. Dockerty, K. Belworthy, J. Gardiner, A. Dowall, J. Dunbar, B. Inkster, J. McFetrich.

It was the first game the team had played during the year and at half time we were ahead by one point. The score was 6-5. The final score was 9-8 to us.

We owe our thanks to Miss Read for her valuable coaching.

—S. Dockerty

## RUGBY

*1st XV:*

The 1st XV lost two of its three games this year, to Twizel and Methven, but finished the season on a more encouraging note by beating Fairlie. As has been the case for some seasons, the forwards were lighter and shorter than their opponents and in view of its physical disadvantages, the team performed creditably.

The forwards lost most battles for possession but were active in the loose, usually led by Steven Casey, and this pursuit of the loose ball was the team's most potent weapon. Other forwards to



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perform well were Paul Higinbottom, Mark Grimward and George Moran.

Behind the scrum Kevin Casey was a dependable half-back, showing a lot of promise, and Owen Rayner, the Captain, always led by example.

Results:

v Twizel: lost 26-0.

v Methven: lost 28-14.

v Fairlie: won 8-6.

—Mr Macfarlane

*2nd XV:*

The team was evenly matched by Fairlie's 2nd XV. The score was no indication on the game, even though the score was only 4-0 to Point. The try was scored in the last minute, by Donald Moses. Considering that some of our players hadn't played much rugby, we did very well.

—T. Grimward

*Form 1 and 2 "A" Team:*

The first game was played against Methven, who had bigger and faster backs than us. We lost this game 20-10, after leading 10-8 at half-time.

We were unlucky not to beat Waihi, finally losing 9-7 after deservedly leading 7-3 at half-time, but they scored a converted try near the end.

The last match of the season was against Fairlie. We easily won this match 16-0, after leading 4-0 at half-time.

Team members were:

W. Honeywell, S. Sugrue, P. Cone, R. Jones, B. Braithwaite, M. Goodger, M. Dunwoodie, A. Priest, R. Cross, D. Fowler, C. Mould (Capt.), J. Hart, R. Evans, W. Glennie, S. Cunliffe, S. Cummings, R. Paterson, P. Bailey, I. Bailey.

The team would like to thank Mr Wilson for his coaching.

—C. Mould

## SOCCKER

*1st XI:*

The first soccer XI had a successful season; in its normal inter-school matches the team recorded three wins.

The game against Twizel resulted in a 4-3 win, after we had been 3-1 down at half-time. This was only possible with more concentration and effort from the team and a good game from Philip Priest in goal. Our team was generally bigger than the Twizel players and combined much more effectively in the second half.

The team that played against Methven was basically the same as the one that played against Twizel, and again Philip Priest played effectively in goal, putting a halt to most attacks from Methven. At half-time the score was nil-all. With a little bit more concentration and effort, and a bit of luck in the second half, we managed to win 2-1.

A good game against Fairlie resulted in a 10-1 win to us.

This year's team had a lot of players who had previous experience in soccer, and this, combined with some skilful younger players, produced a team of considerable effectiveness, especially when the team pulled together.

The team was:

John Schurink (Capt.), Jeremy Feasey, David Schurink, Peter Goodman, Philip Priest, Mark Clemens, David Hinchcliffe, Peter Westaway, Alistair Riach, Stephen Hawes, John Dossett, David Moore and David Skinner.

The team's thanks go to Mr Browning for coaching and putting the team together in an effective manner. His experience and time was greatly appreciated by the team.

Results:

v Twizel: won 4-3.

v Methven: won 2-1.

v Fairlie: won 10-1.

—J. Schurink

*Form 1 and 2 Team:*

On Wednesday, 23rd July, we went up to Methven to play soccer, and lost 7-0 to Methven, the half-time score being 4-0 to Methven.

On Monday, 15th August, we went to Fairlie. The score of the first game was 1-1 and the half-time score was 0-0. The second game Point won 1-0, the half-time score being 1-0.

—J. Whiting

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## Original Work

W—A—R

When I was five,  
I could print the letters W, A and R,  
— But I didn't understand.  
When I was six,  
I could write the word war,  
— But I didn't understand.  
When I was eight,  
I knew people died in war,  
— But I didn't understand.  
When I was nine,  
We were taught of world wars,  
— But I didn't understand.  
Sure, I knew people fought for their country,  
and many got killed.  
But, as it's often said,  
Nobody wins a war;  
Why then, do they all fight?  
Do you understand?

—Maria Moran, 4X1

## WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

Bill was a boy,  
With lots of sense;  
He was not dumb,  
He was not dense.  
He started school  
At an early age,  
Then went to work,  
And earned his wage.  
At twenty-four,  
Bill was wed;  
He bought a table,  
And a double bed.  
His father died  
(How very sad)  
But ten thousand dollars,  
And all he had,  
Was left to Bill,  
(What a delight).  
He counted his money  
All through the night,  
And didn't stop,  
Till day was dawning.  
He went to town,  
And shopped all morning;  
At noon he returned,  
With persents galore,



FORMS 1 & 2 NETBALL "A"

Back row: Donna McHaffie, Gay Wilson, Shelley Cameron, Suzanne Teahen.

Front row: Sandra Jessep, Suzzette Walsh (Captain), Miss Hancock, Anthea Lyon.



MARIA MORAN

Inter-School Cross Country  
Champion



UNDER 16 GIRLS' "A" BASKETBALL

Back row: Carol Divan, Shelley Hormann, Jo-Anne Jackman, Annette Barker, Lynn Tapper.

Front row: Nikola Wilson, Miss Ussher, Elizabeth Usmar, Christine Hart





#### FIRST XI SOCCER

*Back row:* Philip Priest, Steven Hawes, David Moore, David Schurink, Alistair Riach, Jeremy Feasey.

*Front row:* David Hinchcliffe, Peter Westaway, John Schurink, Mr Browning, Peter Goodman, Bruce Margetts.



#### FORMS 1 & 2 RUGBY "A"

*Back row:* Ben Braithwaite, Mel Goodger, Ron Cross, Ian Bailev.  
*Middle row:* Paul Cone, Buster Glenie, Andrew Priest, Richard Evans, Richard Jones, Stephen Sugrue, John Hart, Mr Wilson (Coach).  
*Front row:* Stephen Cunliffe, Paul Bailey, Wayne Honeywill, Chris Mould (Captain), Stephen Cummings, Robert Paterson, Derek Fowler, Mark Dunwoodie.

But his greedy family,  
 Wanted still more!  
 So off he went,  
 With haughty airs,  
 In to town,  
 To buy more wares.  
 When Bill came home  
 At the end of the day,  
 He was just in time  
 To hear his wife say,  
 'Oh for a house,  
 So big and so grand,  
 And I would like,  
 A large piece of land'.  
 So all the next week  
 He made many deals,  
 And only came home  
 For his bed and meals.  
 It was not long,  
 Till his money ran out;  
 He was faced with tax,  
 And bills for his 'Gout'.  
 A family once rich,  
 Is now very poor;  
 Serves them right,  
 For wanting more!

#### MORAL

Instead of having,  
 To rant and rave,  
 Spend a little,  
 But the rest you save!

—Helen Steven, 3X1

#### THE DRIP

I watched a raindrop fall and saw how it stood on people.  
 I watched the raindrop and saw it struggling to get ahead of the others.  
 I watched the raindrop enter the sea, finally reaching its destination after struggling and cheating.  
 I watched the raindrop grow discontent with what it had gained.  
 I watched the raindrop rise up to the clouds, to fall and begin another race.  
 I watched the raindrop begin the next race, full of cheating and hurting, just to try to reach the next destination.  
 Is man also a drip?

—George Moran, Form 6



## BURNING OFF

There in the far distance were red flames. Smoke was rising up into the dark of the night. Farmer Brown was burning off his stubble. The red hot flames were leaping into the air like fire coming out of a dragon's mouth. The fire was burning up the paddock swiftly. I could hear the sound of crackling, and the sound of the roaring fire eating away the paddock of stubble. You could smell the smoke from the fire even though it was far away. It looked fierce, yet pretty against the sky on the horizon.

—Belinda Inkster, 1R

## LONESOME

The old tree,  
Agonized by the wind,  
Tormented by the rain  
And scolded by the blisful sun,  
Stands lonely,  
All alone.  
Once this was a tree of all trees,  
Standing tall and proud  
And dignified.  
Yes this was a tree  
That once was nourished by the warmth provided by the sun,  
That once flourished in the sweet soothing wind  
And was refreshed by the delightful tears from heaven,  
That once was not afraid to reach out and enjoy life,  
To try so hard to be liked and be successful and to rejoice in the blisful events to follow.  
Until they lost their interest or moved away from the tree,  
Which now has no energy to live and every reason to die.  
Deprived from what once was,  
He stands — alone,  
Completely desolate — left now  
To the final alternatives — death  
Or loneliness —  
WHICH?

—A. Barker, Form 5

## THAT'S ME

I'm tired, I'm weary and I'm worn,  
I'm scruffy, grubby, tattered and torn;  
I work all day and I sleep on a rack,  
No wonder I've got a crick in my back.  
My work is hard; I work rain and sun,  
And I'm taken for granted by everyone.  
I'm not as well dressed as I used to be;  
I've got patches and stitches all over me.  
When I've been out in the rain  
And I've caught a chill,  
People don't bother to ask if I'm ill.  
Oh well, I suppose life's like that,  
Especially if you happen to be a hat.

—Joanna Braithwaite, 4X1

## SNOW

The snow so soft and white  
Glittering and gleaming in the sunlight  
Slowly melting  
Melting away  
Do not worry  
It will be back  
Some day.

—Lynn Diamond, 1H

## HOMOSEXUALITY

Keep back from him  
it may be contagious  
A sickness with no cure  
An illness with no medicine  
A disability with no relief  
We see his world of pain  
suffering  
despair  
He is a weary, diseased, invalid  
His body disarranged  
His mind corrupt

We find no treatment for him  
no pity  
We see no remedy for him  
no understanding  
There is no cure  
He is different,  
unhealthy  
So we condemn,  
despise,  
laugh,  
sneer at him

He must need help  
Or do we?

—Sandra Hardie, Form 6

Alone he sits  
Sits and thinks  
Thinks of before  
Before the death  
The death that made him an outcast  
An outcast of society  
Society has made him pay  
And pay he has

—Robyn Wilson, 3X1



## THE SWAGGER

He was a funny-looking man who used to knock at doors and ask for a meal or a fleece for a bed. The only possessions he had were his clothes, boots and an old blanket. His boots were old and looked like leather that has been left outside for years. His clothes had been patched and double-patched and were probably second-hand when he got them.

He had a rather scarred face because when he shaved, which was not very often, he used his pocket knife. His mouth was a thin line, which usually had some cigarette butt, which he had found somewhere, hanging there. His nose was flat and slightly turned down at the end, with hairs growing on top. He had small, thin eyes hidden beneath his scruffy eye-brows. His forehead was wrinkled and not very high. He had some grey tussock-like hair. His cheeks were prominent and there were lots of wrinkles around his eyes. His face was rather wide.

He would trade a meal and a place to sleep for some wood-chopping. When he got cold he would pile some bags over him. He was extra grateful for a bottle of whisky.

The last we would see of him for a few months was when he wandered off down the road.

—Andrew Steven, 4X1

## OBSERVATIONS ON AGE

It is strange — when we are  
Young  
We are always trying to look  
Older  
And when we are as  
Old  
As we were trying to look when we were  
Younger  
We try to look as  
Young  
As we were when we tried to look  
Older.

—Dee-Ann Guthrie, 3X1

## FIRE

A blacksmith was shoeing a palamino. He turned around to get the hot iron when he saw that the flames were leaping around the shed. The terrified palamino rushed around the room frantically. There were shouts of alarm outside. The horses that were waiting to be shod were rearing at the sight of the burning building. The smoke swarmed around the man and horse, determined to choke them. Then there were screams of pain as the roof fell on top of the blacksmith and gelding. There was silence as the wind carried their souls to heaven.

—Joanne Wilson, 1H

## IN MEMORY OF AN OLD FRIEND

I had a very special friend ;  
in the spring of his life and mine.  
who ran with me

in the soft green and gold

of an early spring

Silly Bob;

who loved the early mornings, which I am too bored  
to appreciate;  
the soft sunshine

and motherless lambs of spring.

Such a good friend — what more could a child want?  
A friend who loved life;  
the whole world was his friend.

His life was

the green of paddocks,

the white of good romney sheep

red and white herefords

and his special people.

But the summer and autumn of his life

was over

before mine began.

So all that's left are some photographs

and memories

of a shaggy, mongrel, sheepdog friend — Bob.

—Tricia Waters, Form 7

## School Roll

### FORM 7

Mr Piper

Hawes, J.

Paul, J.

Reid, J.

Waters, P.

Margetts, B.

McKenzie, H.

Moore, D.

Moran, G.

Schurink, J.

Teahen, G.

Westaway, P.

### Girls:

Blair, V.

Braithwaite, B.

Broughton, T.

Carter, W.

Hardie, S.

Hurst, C.

Kerr, D.

Little, A.

Miller, T.

Moses, N.

Moyle, C.

Muir, S.

Paterson, M.

Roberts, F.

Ryan, E.

Tapper, J.

Te Koeti, H.

Usmar, J.

### FORM 6

Miss Ussher

### Boys:

Bailey, D.

Brosnan, J.

Chapman, J.

Gill, S.

Jackson, A.

Kelynack, M.

### FORM 5A

Mrs Riach

### Boys:

Priest, P.

### Girls:

Barker, A.

Barrett, N.



Chisholm, R.  
Divan, C.  
Dobbs, K.  
Esler, E.  
Geary, S.  
Hide, J.  
Hormann, S.  
Hotton, L.  
O'Sullivan, D.  
Smith, J.  
Styles, H.  
Tapper, L.  
Tiffen, J.  
Usmar, E.  
Westaway, C.

#### FORM 5B

Mr Browning

#### Boys:

Baker, A.  
Casey, A.  
Casey, S.  
Clemens, M.  
Cummings, J.  
Curry, B.  
Dossett, J.  
Fairbairn, A.  
Feasey, J.  
Goodger, G.  
Grimward, M.  
Guthrie, M.  
Higinbottom, P.  
Milne, C.  
Mitchell, H.  
Rayner, O.  
Riach, A.  
Schurink, D.  
Woods, J.

#### Girls:

Hart, C.  
Jackman, J.  
O'Leary, B.  
Scott, P.

#### FORM 4X1

Miss Read

#### Boys:

Bartrum, S.  
Bell, D.  
Carter, M.  
Cunliffe, D.  
Dockerty, J.  
Dowall, S.

Grimward, T.  
Hawes, S.  
Jackson, P.  
Kinney, M.  
Miller, A.  
Moyle, R.  
Rhind, P.  
Steven, A.

#### Girls:

Belworthy, A.  
Braithwaite, J.  
Curry, W.  
Davies, K.  
de Hoon, T.  
Dockerty, S.  
Henderson, L.  
Hornblow, S.  
Hullen, B.  
Inkster, S.  
McHaffie, H.  
Milne, B.  
Moran, M.  
More, S.  
Mould, K.  
Oliver, S.  
Paterson, C.  
Reid, M.  
Roberts, S.  
Struthers, D.  
Wilson, L.  
Wilson, N.

#### FORM 4X2

Mr Dunbar

#### Boys:

Bailey, G.  
Butters, W.  
Cawthorn, B.  
Cowie, K.  
Crawford, J.  
Evans, C.  
Flowers, B.  
Goodman, P.  
Hessell, K.  
Hinchcliffe, D.  
Jackson, K.  
McKenzie, F.  
McPhedran, A.  
Mori, A.  
Moses, D.  
Skinner, D.  
Struthers, A.  
Usmar, R.  
Wallis, N.  
Waters, B.

#### Girls:

Agnew, C.  
Boake, M.  
De Lautour, G.  
Fosbender, J.  
Hide, M.  
Houston, M.  
Rolston, A.  
Shrimpton, P.  
White, L.

#### FORM 3X1

Mr Young

#### Boys:

Basill, E.  
Blakemore, T.  
Clemens, D.  
Copland, J.  
Dossett, P.  
Evans, H.  
Higinbottom, G.  
Kelynack, G.  
Maguire, T.  
Merritt, B.  
Mitchell, D.  
O'Leary, R.  
Oliver, P.

#### Girls:

Armstrong, C.  
Bailey, S.  
Blair, P.  
Caldwell, C.  
Christey, G.  
Diamond, R.  
Feasey, S.  
Flowers, S.  
Gould, E.  
Guthrie, M.  
Guthrie, D.  
Hart, S.  
Hornblow, S.  
McPherson, R.  
Steven, H.  
Stockler, D.  
Walsh, S.  
Wilson, R.

#### FORM 3X2

Mr Macfarlane

#### Boys:

Barnes, T.  
Blair, G.  
Brosnan, M.  
Casey, K.

Cone, M.  
Coutts, M.  
Crawford, G.  
Dixon, P.  
Gebbie, K.  
Goodman, D.  
Hitchcock, J.  
Holland, S.  
Moore, B.  
Rhind, N.  
Roberts, E.  
Ryan, S.  
Stowell, A.  
Sutcliffe, A.  
Tapper, M.

#### Girls:

Boake, S.  
Broughton, N.  
Cameron, M.  
Cameron, J.  
Hardie, D.  
Hide, A.  
Jackson, K.  
Moorhouse, N.  
Munro, J.  
Pierce, D.  
Shanks, J.  
Smith, A.  
Watson, J.  
Wilson, K.

#### FORM 2C

Miss W. Coleman

#### Boys:

Cone, P.  
Copland, R.  
Cocks, S.  
Cross, R.  
Giles, M.  
Goodger, M.  
Hart, J.  
Mould, C.  
Priest, A.  
Wood, P.

#### Girls:

Beattie, L.  
Bradshaw, M.  
Cleland, P.  
Dobbs, S.  
Dockerty, S.  
Dowall, A.  
Dunbar, J.  
Esler, J.  
Hasselman, A.  
Holland, S.

Ireland, C.  
Irvine, S.  
Lyon, A.  
McHaffie, D.  
Oliver, E.  
Palmer, K.  
Smith, D.  
Teahen, D.  
Walsh, S.  
White, K.  
Wilson, G.

#### FORM 2W

Mr Wilson

#### Boys:

Bailey, I.  
Bailey, P.  
Braithwaite, B.  
Coles, R.  
Cummings, S.  
Davies, A.  
Dunwoodie, M.  
Evans, R.  
Fowler, D.  
Glennie, W.  
Honeywell, W.  
Jones, R.  
Kreegher, C.  
Le Leivre, R.  
Paterson, R.  
Waters, D.  
Whiting, J.  
Youdale, B.

#### Girls:

Belworthy, K.  
Cameron, S.  
Dockerty, D.  
Foster, J.  
Gardiner, J.  
Hessell, J.  
Kelynack, B.  
McKeown, A.  
Smith, S.

#### FORM 1H

Miss Hancox

#### Boys:

Beynon, A.  
Cameron, S.  
Cunliffe, S.  
Davies, P.  
Fosbender, C.  
Gebbie, N.

Guthrie, J.  
Hart, N.  
McHaffie, S.  
Manson, J.  
Struthers, D.  
Turpie, B.  
Whiting, M.

#### Girls:

Barron, L.  
Bell, C.  
Brady, D.  
Clark, D.  
Coutts, D.  
Curry, D.  
Diamond, L.  
Earl, B.  
Henderson, R.  
Hornblow, J.  
Jessep, S.  
Oldman, E.  
Shanks, C.  
Teahen, S.  
Wilson, J.

#### FORM 1R

Mr Mangum

#### Boys:

Bain, T.  
Broughton, S.  
Butters, A.  
Coles, W.  
Curry, N.  
De Lautour, S.  
Fagan, B.  
Guthrie, D.  
Haines, D.  
Houston, M.  
Rhind, K.  
Sugrue, S.  
Sutcliffe, C.  
Walsh, D.

#### Girls:

Basset, P.  
Bradshaw, V.  
Chapman, J.  
Dixon, J.  
Hawes, T.  
Inkster, B.  
McFetrich, J.  
McPherson, V.  
Muir, L.  
Sugars, R.  
Thompson, C.  
Wilson, A.



## Prize List, 1977

### INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES

Swimming Spors: Arawa.

Athletic Sports: Arawa.

House Competition: Arawa (House Captains: J. Reid, P. Westaway)

### SPECIAL AWARDS

Principal's Awards:

School Council Chairman: J. Schurink.

School Council Secretary: W. Carter.

Citizenship: J. Reid.

Sportsmanship:

Boys: O. Rayner. Girls: W. Carter.

### SPORTS TROPHIES

Swimming:

Junior Boys: R. LeLeivre. Junior Girls: S. Walsh.

Intermediate Boys: K. Hessel. Intermediate Girls: A. Belworthy.

Senior Boys: P. Higinbottom. Senior Girls: J. Jackman.

Diving:

Junior: D. Teahen. Intermediate: S. Bailey. Senior: A. Barker.

Athletics:

Under 12½ Boys: S. Sugrue. Under 12½ Girls: J. Dixon.

Under 14 Boys: K. Casey. Under 14 Girls: G. Wilson.

Junior Boys: A. Struthers. Junior Girls: P. Shrimpton.

Senior Boys: J. Schurink. Senior Girls: W. Carter.

Cross Country:

Junior Boys: A. Priest. Junior Girls: A. Lyon.

Intermediate Boys: P. Goodman. Intermediate Girls: M. Moran.

Senior Boys: D. Schurink. Senior Girls: J. Reid.

Greatest Contribution to Cricket: H. Mitchell.

Netball: F. Roberts.

Tennis:

Junior Boys: M. Tapper. Junior Girls: A. Lyon.

Senior Boys: G. Higinbottom. Senior Girls: D. Struthers.

Fives:

Girls: A. Lyon. Junior Boys: G. Higinbottom. Senior Boys: D. Skinner.

Chess:

Junior: D. Clemens. Senior: G. Goodger.

### SPECIAL TROPHIES

Penmanship in the Junior School: R. Henderson.

Original Writing:

Junior: S. Jessep. Intermediate: D. Guthrie. Senior: P. Waters.

Public Speaking:

Junior: J. Dunbar. Intermediate: H. Steven. Senior: J. Reid.

Debating:

Junior: J. Dunbar. Intermediate: D. Cunliffe. Senior: J. Reid.

Music: T. Hawes.

### ACADEMIC PRIZES

Outstanding Progress and Diligence: A. Little.

Home Economics:

Form 4: B. Milne. Form 5: J. Tiffen.

Commercial: H. Styles.

French: S. Muir.

Senior Science: H. McKenzie.

Horticulture: J. Usmar.

Woodwork:

Form 3: P. Dossett. Form 4: P. Goodman.

### FORM PRIZES

Form 1:

V. Bradshaw, Excellence; B. Inkster, Excellence; J. McFetrich, Excellence; S. Jessep, Excellence; M. Whiting, Industry.

Form 2:

A. Priest, Excellence (Form 2C); D. Smith, Industry; R. Cross, Industry; D. Waters, Industry; S. Smith, Industry.

Form 3:

P. Dossett, General Excellence (Form 3X1); S. Feasey, Excellence (Form 3X1); H. Steven, Excellence (Form 3X1); S. Casey, General Excellence (Form 3X2); B. Moore, Industry.

Form 4:

D. Cunliffe, 1st General Excellence (Form 4X1); J. Dockerty, 2nd General Excellence (Form 4X1); M. Moran, Industry; J. Crawford, General Excellence (Form 4X2); D. Moses, Industry.

Form 5:

H. Mitchell, General Excellence; S. Hormann, General Excellence; A. Riach, General Excellence; J. Smith, Industry; J. Dossett, Industry.

Form 6:

S. Muir, 1st General Excellence; H. McKenzie, 2nd General Excellence; D. Bailey, Excellence; S. Hardie, Excellence.

Form 7:

J. Paul, Dux; J. Hawes, Proxime Accessit.